

HOUSE BILL 17  
By Newton

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 6, Chapter 51,  
relative to annexation.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 6-51-102, is amended by deleting subsection (a) in its entirety and by substituting instead the following:

(a)

(1) A municipality, when petitioned by a majority of the residents and property owners of the affected territory, or upon its own initiative when it appears that the prosperity of such municipality and territory will be materially retarded and the safety and welfare of the inhabitants and property endangered, after notice and public hearing, by ordinance, may extend its corporate limits by annexation of such territory adjoining its existing boundaries as may be deemed necessary for the welfare of the residents and property owners of the affected territory as well as the municipality as a whole; provided, that the ordinance shall not become operative until thirty (30) days after final passage thereof.

(2) However, during any twenty-four (24) month period a municipality shall not, by means of one or more annexation ordinances enacted pursuant to subdivision (a)(1), increase the land area contained within its boundaries by more than one-fourth square mile (1/4 sq. mi.) or increase its population by more than five hundred (500) residents. Annexation which would exceed such land area or

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population restrictions must be undertaken only by means of one or more resolutions adopted pursuant to Sections 6-51-104 and 105.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 6-51-102(b), is amended by deleting the first sentence and by substituting instead the following:

Before any territory may be annexed under this section, the governing body of the municipality shall have previously adopted a plan of service setting forth at a minimum the identification and projected timing of municipal services proposed to be extended into the territory to be annexed.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.